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Purpose: To clarify that an authorization to use military force, a declaration of war, or any similar authority does not authorize the detention without charge or trial of a citizen or lawful permanent resident of the United States.

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. LEE Finskin Cniz

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- 1 At the appropriate place, insert the following:
- 2 SEC. ___. PROHIBITION ON THE INDEFINITE DETENTION
- 3 OF CITIZENS AND LAWFUL PERMANENT RESI-
- 4 DENTS.
- 5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 4001(a) of title 18,
- 6 United States Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 7 "(a) No citizen or lawful permanent resident of the
- 8 United States may be imprisoned or otherwise detained

- 1 by the United States unless such imprisonment or deten-
- 2 tion is consistent with the Constitution and is carried out
- 3 pursuant to an Act of Congress that expressly authorizes
- 4 such imprisonment or detention.".
- 5 (b) Relationship to an Authorization To Use
- 6 MILITARY FORCE, DECLARATION OF WAR, OR SIMILAR
- 7 Authority.—Section 4001 of title 18, United States
- 8 Code, is amended—
- 9 (1) by redesignating subsection (b) as sub-
- 10 section (c); and
- 11 (2) by inserting after subsection (a) the fol-
- lowing:
- 13 "(b)(1) A general authorization to use military force,
- 14 a declaration of war, or any similar authority, on its own,
- 15 may not be construed to authorize the imprisonment or
- 16 detention without charge or trial of a citizen or lawful per-
- 17 manent resident of the United States apprehended in the
- 18 United States.
- 19 "(2) Paragraph (1) shall apply to an authorization
- 20 to use military force, a declaration of war, or any similar
- 21 authority enacted before, on, or after the date of the en-
- 22 actment of this subsection.
- 23 "(3) This section may not be construed to authorize
- 24 the imprisonment or detention of a citizen of the United
- 25 States, a lawful permanent resident of the United States,

- 1 or any other person who is apprehended in the United
- 2 States.".